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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution to
3 authorize all qualified electors, regardless of party
4 affiliation, to vote in a partisan primary election
5 for an office if all the candidates for the office
6 have the same party affiliation and the winner will be
7 opposed only by one or more write-in candidates in the
8 general election.

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10 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
11 Florida:

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13 Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution is
14 amended to read:

15 ARTICLE VI

16 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

17 SECTION 5. Primary, general, and special elections.-

18 (a) A general election shall be held in each county on the
19 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-
20 numbered year to choose a successor to each elective state and
21 county officer whose term will expire before the next general
22 election and, except as provided herein, to fill each vacancy in
23 elective office for the unexpired portion of the term. A general
24 election may be suspended or delayed due to a state of emergency
25 or impending emergency pursuant to general law. Special
26 elections and referenda shall be held as provided by law.

27 (b) If all candidates for an office have the same party
28 affiliation and the winner will have either no opposition in the
29 general election, or opposition only from one or more write-in
30 candidates, then all qualified electors, regardless of party
31 affiliation, may vote in the primary elections for that office.